

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Community Theatre****Federal Tax ID: 92-0025223****Project Title:**

Anchorage Community Theatre - Building and Site Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$ 12,000**House District: 24 - L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Grant will cover paving, weather covering, shelving and building security needs.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$15,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds					\$3,000	08
Total					\$3,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Alaska Stairlift & Elevator has agreed to give, in kind, \$3,000 for the construction, personnel, and permitting activities of an awning.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Anchorage Community Theatre (ACT) is requesting \$12,000 for their building and site improvement projects. Asphalt is heavily damaged and access to the building for handicap and elderly access is inadequate.

The Project would include:

Paving - 30x35 ft area located in front of theatre main entrance to include 5x5 level landing and wheel chair accessible slope.

Weather Covering - Purchase of an awning to cover the landing and access ramp.

Steel Shelving - Storage and organizational improvements for hardware and supplies which increases safety useable space for workshops, classes, rehearsal, etc.

Administrative Office Door - Replacement to restore functionality, access control, and security.

Project Management - Coordination and supervision on weather covering, steel shelving, and administrative office door, assembly and organization, and oversight. Paving would include scheduling coordination of traffic control in the area.

ACT commits itself to education and outreach programs and productions in theatre that involve senior citizens and kids with disabilities. This grant will provide essential funding for improvement to their facility to provide safe and easy access by all.

Project Timeline:

Begin: Summer of 2008

End: Fall of 2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage Community Theatre

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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Mission: Building Community Through Theater

Anchorage Community Theatre has been, for 54 years, the consistent community enrichment partner; providing opportunities for artistic expression, volunteer development, and practical as well as artistic value with educational programs.

ACT's Education and Outreach programs involve theatrical classes and productions with the Anchorage Senior Activities Center, Hope Community Resources, Challenge Alaska, Bridge Builders, and The Mt. View Theater Project.

Accessibility to our facility at 70th avenue has become problematic as both our population ages, and our outreach programs expand to underserved populations within our community.

At issue currently and pursuant to the attached budget;

1. Accessible egress/ ingress to our 70th avenue theater to include resurfacing the parking in front of the building and provision of an accessible slope and landing at the front entrance.
2. A. Weather covering in the form of an awning to help keep the entrance clear of ice and snow. The awning would also incorporate additional lighting needed for safe access due largely to the nature of night time winter operations.
B. Permitting, installation labor, installation materials.
3. Facility improvement in need of immediate attention are the acquisition of steel shelving for storage and organization of materials and supplies used primarily in the construction of sets during the year. The need for organized storage is coupled with our need to increase the amount of safe, uncluttered space available for workshops, classes, and additional rehearsal space for ACT, ASAC, Hope Comm. Resources, Challenge AK, and The Mt. View Theater Project.
4. Administrative office door replacement is at issue due to its poor condition and the very basic need to close and lock it from time to time for meetings and access control.

5. Project Management and coordination is required individually and separately for each of the items in our capitol improvements list including access to the building, coordination, traffic control, and administrative duties associated with the scheduling, supervision, and completion.

Budget Proposed:

ITEM 1. Paving

30 X 35 ft area located in front of theater main entrance
to include 5 X 5 level landing and accessible slope. \$ 5,700.00

ITEM 2. A.)Weather Covering

Awning to cover the landing and access ramp including
additional lighting for safe ingress/ egress. \$ 1,745.00

B.) Permitting, installation, and materials provided by
Alaska Stairlift & Elevator, LLC \$ 3,000.00

ITEM 3. Steel Shelving

Storage and organizational improvements for hardware
and supplies which increases safely useable space for
workshops, classes, rehearsal, etc. \$ 557.00

ITEM 4. Admin Office Door

Replacement to restore functionality, access control, and
security. \$ 430.00

ITEM 5. Project Management

Coordination and supervision ITEMS 2-4
assembly and organization, oversight, scheduling
coordination traffic control for ITEM 1. \$ 3,568.00

SUBTOTAL.....\$15,000.00

LESS ITEM 2. B.) Provided by Alaska Stairlift & Elevator, LLC.....(\$ 3,000.00)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CAPITOL FUNDING REQUEST\$ 12,000.00

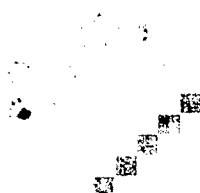
Sincerely,

ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Ronald O. Holmstrom

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February 28, 2008

Representative Berta Gardner

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Re: Anchorage Community Theatre Capital Improvement Project

Dear Representative Gardner,

I am honored to be presented with the opportunity to assist Anchorage Community Theatre with the awning erection portion of their capital improvements projects.

I have agreed to provide both funds and administrative personnel required for permitting activities, any associated engineering support, skilled labor for erection/installation of the awning and all construction materials required for this portion.

Our commitment to this project is valued at \$3,000.00 of labor, materials and fees.

I fully recognize the need for safe access to ACT'S facility; my company is regularly engaged in providing accessibility solutions all over Alaska and it touches me personally to have seen ACT engage our senior and disabled populations with the powerful inspiration of live theater.

Please consider my commitment on behalf of Alaska Stairlift & Elevator, LLC a passionate endorsement of ACT'S capital improvement project and their contribution to our community.

Very Truly Yours


Kevin T. Bennett
Managing Member
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Re: Support for Anchorage Community Theatre (ACT) Capital Improvement Project

Dear Representative Gardner:

The Anchorage Senior Activities Center (ASAC) supports the Anchorage Community Theatre's application for a capital project to improve the parking lot at the 70th Street Theatre.

ASAC members have participated in ACT theater classes and productions. We enjoy theater activities both on and off the stage. Our "Off-the-Rockers" Drama Club continues to increase and widen the scope of activities of our members.

However, our Seniors who travel on buses to the theater to watch ACT's productions have noted the dangers of the aging and uneven parking lot and the lack of a permanent ramp to get into the facility. ACT has graciously responded to our needs by building wooden ramps, but we believe that permanent improvements would further increase safety and accessibility for our Seniors.

Paving the driveway will increase the safety and accessibility of the ACT Studio Theatre. This will improve the experiences of our senior citizens as they become more involved in acting and theater productions.

Sincerely,

Celeste Benson
Executive Director
Anchorage Senior Activities Center



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Re: **Support for Anchorage Community Theatre Capital Improvement Project**

Dear Representative Gardner,

Hope Community Resources wholeheartedly supports the Anchorage Community Theatre's application for a capital project to improve the parking lot at their 70th St Theatre.

Many individuals who experience disabilities and choose Hope supports have participated in ACT theater classes and productions for many years. This involvement in the dramatic arts continues to increase. We have at least two summer camps at ACT each year, and plan a fully staged production late this spring.

The benefits of this association with ACT are truly priceless and many have mentioned that acting is "a dream come true." A recent article in the Anchorage Daily News accentuated this feeling and highlighted the inclusive atmosphere of joy, talent, learning, and contribution experienced by all. ACT is to be commended for the quality of their productions and the value they place on all human beings. This is extraordinary!

However, many of individuals supported by Hope who have classes or productions at the ACT Studio Theatre, have noted the dangers of the aging and uneven parking lot and the lack of a permanent ramp to get into the facility. ACT has responded to our needs by building wooden ramps, but we believe that permanent improvements would further increase safety and accessibility while promoting dignity and self-esteem.

Paving the driveway will increase the safety and accessibility of the ACT Studio Theatre. This will improve the experiences of individuals with disabilities as they become more involved in acting and in theater productions. As Executive Director of Hope Community Resources, I would urge your support of this incredible group who specialize in making dreams come true. Your endorsement would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Lesko
Executive Director/CEO:
Hope Community Resources, Inc.

MVTP

Mountain View Theater Project
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February 22, 2008

Representative Berta Gardner
State Capitol, Room 422
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Re: Anchorage Community Theater Capital Improvements

Dear Representative Gardner,

I am writing this letter in support of much needed improvements to the A.C.T. warehouse and shop space.

New shelving units will free up space in the facility to make it more accessible to the diverse groups in our city using the building including our own Mt. View Theater Project.

Even though A.C.T. is on the other side of town, we in Mountain View appreciate how A.C.T. helps to build a better community through theater. A.C.T. continues to do this by opening the doors of its facility to help the Mt. View Theater Project with playbills, posters, holding classes, and helping to design/build/ paint sets and continually storing and loaning costumes and supplies.

The Mt. View Theater Project is finishing up its second season and soon we will begin gearing up for our third. More and more people in the Mt. View community are coming to and participating in our shows and the response is exciting. The growth wouldn't have happened if A.C.T. hadn't opened their heart, doors, facility and resources to us at MVTP.

In closing, I enthusiastically write this letter of support with pride for the improvements to the A.C.T. warehouse, shop and accessible entrance knowing that this facility will continue to make a dramatically positive impact for our immediate community and the city of Anchorage.

Thank you and God Bless,



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Representative Berta Gardner
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Re: Support for Anchorage Community Theatre Capital Improvement Project

Dear Representative Gardner,

I've been associated with the Anchorage Community Theatre (ACT) for the last 25 years and have been encouraged to see the significant work in engaging new people in the theater activities. As part of the ConocoPhillips Education And Outreach Grant, ACT has been working with Hope Community Resources, the Anchorage Senior Activity Center, Challenge Alaska and Bridge Builders to engage new groups in the theater experience. The results of these efforts are gratifying.

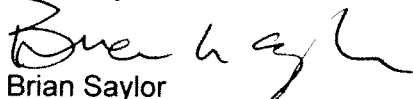
I have seen the joy in the eyes members of the senior and disabled communities as they participate in theater projects. They have been very active both on stage and off stage. ACT has helped produce main stage productions for both of these important groups.

I feel that ACT can further improve its ability to serve the disabled and senior communities by increasing the accessibility of its facilities. We hope that you will support our proposal to increase accessibility to the theater through an improved handicap ramp, a covered ice-free entryway and improved signage identifying the community theater facilities. These improvements will allow seniors and handicapped Anchorage residents to more easily get into the building. Improved storage in the ACT workshop will allow for more efficient use of space for the construction and painting of theater sets and for theater classes.

We expect community volunteers to be actively involved in improving the accessibility to ACT facilities. Volunteers often assist in set building and painting. These skills will be used by ACT in helping to construct and install improved storage, developing appropriate signage and building the entryway portico/awning.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts to improve accessibility to the theater arts for handicapped and senior citizens of Anchorage.

Sincerely,


Brian Saylor









